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22. The material according to claim ~~18~~ ¹³ comprising two welding portions and said two welding portions are attached to the fixing portion so that the two welding portions depend from said fixing portion.

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~~23. The material according to claim ~~22~~ ³⁰ wherein said two welding portions are attached to the middle of said fixing portion.~~

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~~24. The material according to claim ~~22~~ ³⁰ wherein said two welding portions are branched ~~from~~ ^{YOM} one edge of said fixing portion.~~

~~25. The material according to claim ~~13~~ ²⁷ wherein the substrate is any substrate which can be subjected to hot pressing.~~

26. The material according to claim 25 wherein said substrate is selected from the group consisting of cloth sheets and synthetic resin sheets.

REMARKS

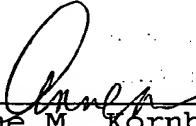
Applicants' attorney wishes to thank Examiner Cole for the courtesies extended during the interview of October 7, 1999. During that interview it was agreed that claims to a welded material comprising the claimed fabric welded to a substrate would overcome the Nakayama reference.

The only reference cited was Nakayama et al. As claims 1-12 have been cancelled in favor of new claims 13-26, which claims are written in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion, it is believed that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Submitted herewith are proposed changes to Figures 9A and 9B, in which these figures bear the legend "Prior Art."

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

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